

# Mike Lubke

## Fight Choreographer

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### Theatre

Production	Company	Director	Role
The Three Musketeers	De LaSalle High School	James Buffington	Fight Director
Sherwood	Yellow Tree Theater	Craig Johnson	Fight Director
Noises Off	Hopkins High School	Tim Williams	Fight Choreographer
It's an Honorable Life	Historic Mounds Theatre	Jason Kruger	Fight Director
2020 Fundraising Gala	Zephyr Theatre	Jessica Thienes	Fight Director
Human Combat Chess: Corsairs v Roses	Combat Chess United	Nathaniel Nesheim-Case	Fight Director
Robin Hood	Hamline University	Autumn Wilke	Fight Choreographer
The Continuing Adventures of John Blade, Superspy	Six Elements Theatre	Mason Tyer, Self	Fight Director
She Kills Monsters	Hamline University	Jeff Turner	Fight Director
Human Combat Chess Postseason	Combat Chess United	Nathaniel Nesheim-Case	Fight Director
*The Hound of Chulainn	Six Elements Theatre	Nathaniel Nesheim Case	Fight Director
50th Anniversary celebration	Guthrie Theatre	Mike Anderson	Fight Consultant
*Dueling Acorns	MN Renaissance Festival	John Zach	Fight Choreographer
Peter Pan	Children's Theatre Company	Joel Sass	Asst. Fight Choreographer
*The Good Fight	Theatre Unbound	Carolyn Levy	Fight Director
The Diary of Anne Frank	Park Square Theatre	Ellen Fenster	Fight Choreographer
Human Combat Chess: Phoenix vs Corsairs	Six Elements Theatre	Nathaniel Nesheim-Case	Fight Director
Hiding in the Open	History Theatre	Hailey Finn	Fight Choreographer
Street Fights	MN Renaissance Festival	Self	Fight Choreographer
Romeo and Juliet	Southwest High School	Margaret Berg	Fight Director
The Three Musketeers	Theatre in the Round	Lynn Musgrave	Fight Captain
She Kills Monsters	Chisago Lakes High School	Rachel Bigelow	Fight Director
*Childe Rowland	Six Elements Theatre	Phil Henry	Fight Director
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead	Hamline University	Carolyn Levy	Fight Choreographer
Human Combat Chess: Legion v Celts	Six Elements Theatre	Nathaniel Nesheim-Case	Fight Director
Human Combat Chess All Stars	Six Elements Theatre	Johanna Gorman-Baer	Fight Director
Romeo and Juliet	Theatre in the Round	Kari Steinbach	Fight Director
Romeo and Juliet	South Saint Paul High School	Eric Holsen	Fight Director
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Theatre in the Round	George M. Roesler	Fight Choreographer
The Pillowman	Hamline University	Jeff Turner	Fight Choreographer

Shakespeare on the Lawn	Hamline University	Grace Barnstead	Fight Choreographer
Hamlet	Hamline University	Jeff Turner	Fight Director
A View from the Bridge	Theatre in the Round	Allen Hamilton	Fight Choreographer
The House of Blue Leaves	Theatre in the Round	Benjamin Kutscheid	Fight Choreographer
Human Combat Chess: Templars v Celts	Six Elements Theatre	Johanna Gorman-Baer	Fight Director
She Kills Monsters	Six Elements Theatre	Phil Henry	Fight Director
Henry IV part 1	Cromulent Shakespeare	Jake Wellington	Fight Director
Hapgood	Six Elements Theatre	Justin Alexander	Fight Choreographer
Human Combat Chess: Phoenix v Dragons	Six Elements Theatre	Self	Fight Director
The Three Musketeers	Walking Shadow	Amy Rummenie	Asst. Fight Choreographer
Macbeth	Hamline University	Carolyn Levy	Fight Director
^The Beau's Stratagem	Theatre in the Round	Daniel Ellis	Fight Director
Human Combat Chess: Corsairs v Dragons	Six Elements Theatre	Self	Fight Director
Zastrozzi	Six Elements Theatre	Jenna Papke	Fight Director
Much Ado About Nothing	Six Elements Theatre	Jenna Papke	Fight Choreographer
Human Combat Chess: Legion v Corsairs	Six Elements Theatre	Mark Larson	Fight Director
*Valhalla	Six Elements Theatre	Jenna Papke	Fight Director
Romeo and Juliet	Stillwater High School	Haeri Tollefson	Fight Director
*The Lives of the Most Notorious Highwaymen	Six Elements Theatre	Jenna Papke	Fight Director
Midsummer Night's Dream	Stillwater Area High School	Haeri Tollefson	Fight Director
Street Fight	MN Renaissance Festival	Self	Fight Director
*They Fight	MN Fringe Festival	Jena Young	Fight Choreographer
Human Combat Chess: Legion v Cavaliers	Six Elements Theatre	Self	Fight Director
Romeo and Juliet	Coin Purse Theatre	Shelly Johnson	Fight Director
The Pillowman	Six Elements Theatre	Jenna Papke	Fight Director
Twelfth Night	Six Elements Theatre	Jenna Papke	Fight Director
Human Combat Chess	Xperimental Theatre	Self	Fight Director
King Lear	University of Minnesota	Barbara Berlovitz	Fight Director
*The Odyssey	Xperimental Theatre	Wyatt Weber	Fight Director
The Cripple of Inishmaan	Xperimental Theatre	Jenna Papke	Fight Choreographer

\* = *World Premiere Production*

^ = *Awarded 'Best Fight Direction' by Lavender Magazine*

## TV/Film/New Media

Production	Company	Director	Role
I Was There (Post-Production)	History Channel/Committee Films	Todd Cobery	Stunt Coordinator
Hidden Falls (webseries, In-production)	Drawbridge Collective	Joshua Zapata-Palmer	Stunt Coordinator
'Tanjiro' Music Video (post-production)	Current Resident	Matt Genesis	Stunt Performer
"Evil Next Door" (Multiple episodes)	Committee Films	Todd Cobery	Stunt Coordinator
Keon	Tru Ruts	EG Bailey	Fight Coordinator, Gun Wrangler
'Monsters' Music Video	Strange and Distant Pictures	Mercies May	Fight Choreographer, Gun wrangler
'Wrong Man' Music Video	Strange and Distant Pictures	Mercies May	Fight Choreographer, Gun Wrangler
'Tell Me' Music Video	Strange and Distant Pictures	Mercies May	Fight Choreographer
CLASH	Sonicity	Misha Santora	Fight Choreographer
Here There Be Monsters	Strange and Distant Pictures	Mercies May	Fight Choreographer, Gun Wrangler
Kodiak Wipes "Filthy Job"	Marketing Architects	Catherine Detloff	Stunt Coordinator
Anatomically Incorrect	Em Kay	Vanessa Horrocks	Fight Coordinator
VEGAS	Strange and Distant Pictures	Mercies May	Fight Choreographer

## Positions Held

- Fight Director Representative for Society of American Fight Directors, (2022-2025)
- Resident Fight Director for Six Elements Theatre Company, (2010-current)
- Founder and Operator of Minnesota Stage Combat Open Gym (2011-current)
- Founder/Lead instructor of Art in Arms, LLC (2018-current)
- Founder/Fight Director of Human Combat Chess/Combat Chess United (2011-current)
- Co-Coordinator Brawl of America SAFD regional workshop, Minneapolis MN (2014-Current)
- Faculty for Lonestar Smash Stage Combat Workshop, Dallas, TX 2019
- Faculty for Winter Wonderland Workshop, Chicago, IL 2019, 2022
- Faculty for Louisiana Tech Stage Combat Workshop, Ruston, LA 2018
- Teaching staff for Advanced Actor Combatant Workshop as part of the National Stage Combat Workshop 2016
- Teaching staff for Intro to Stage Combat Workshop as part of the National Stage Combat Workshop 2015
- Intern for Virginia Beach Bash SAFD regional workshop, Virginia Beach, VA 2015
- Teaching Assistant for Carnage in the Corn regional SAFD workshop in Des Moines, IA 2013, 2014  
Interned for 2012 Carnage in the Corn workshop
- Associate Instructor for Winter Wonderland Workshop 2015, Regional SAFD workshop in St. Charles, IL  
Teaching Assistant for Winter Wonderland Workshop 2014  
Intern for Winter Wonderland Workshop 2013

### Teaching

- SAFD Skills Proficiency classes through Art In Arms in all 8 recognized disciplines - over 95% Pass rate and over 50% Pass with Recommendation, over 200 certificates awarded to date.
- Taught 7-part Quarterstaff course at the National Stage Combat Workshop 2016
- Taught 7-part smallsword course at the National Stage Combat Workshop 2015
- Intro to Unarmed stage combat as part of Hamline University's Acting II course 2015
- Taught Basic unarmed and smallsword for 2015 Winter Wonderland Workshop
- Co-instructor for Muay Thai vs. Capoeira class at 2014 Brawl of America
- Lead numerous workshops in unarmed, rapier, and quarterstaff at Stillwater High School 2010-2012
- Teach workshop classes at Minnesota Stage Combat Open Gym
  - Previous classes have included basic techniques in all 8 SAFD weapons as well as german longsword, viking sword and shield, mass melees, stage combat muay thai, and bullwhip techniques
- Assisted CT Mike Anderson in Skills Test classes in smallsword, singlesword, knife, and unarmed (2013-2015)
- CV available by request

### Training

- BA in Theatre Arts from University of Minnesota, 2009
- **SAFD Fight Director 2020**
- **SAFD Certified Teacher 2015**
- **SAFD Certified Proficiency and Recommended Pass in all 8 recognized disciplines: Unarmed, Rapier & Dagger, Broadsword, Knife, Smallsword, Sword and Shield, Singlesword, Quarterstaff (2014)**
- **Passed SAFD Theatrical Firearms Safety Course, Instr. FM Scot Mann (Three Times)**
- Attended 2014 Advanced Actor Combatant workshop at the 2014 National Stage Combat Workshop
  - Faculty: FM Ian Rose, FM J. David Brimmer
  - weekend masterclass in knife from CT Don Preston
  - **Awarded Best Male Performer - 2014 AACW**
  - **Awarded Best Scene - 2014 AACW ("Court Jester" - Singlesword)**
- Attended 2014 Teaching Symposium with FMs Richard Ryan and K Jenny Jones
- Attended Knife intensive workshop through MACE training in Chicago, IL 2013
  - Included courses with Fight Masters Chuck Coyl, Scot Mann, and Mark Guinn, as well as SAFD - Certified Teacher Don Preston
- Attended SAFD workshop in both knife and single rapier with Fight Master Chuck Coyl, Then-SAFD president 2011
- Attended Carnage in the Corn SAFD workshop in Des Moines, IA 2011
  - Included courses with Fight Master Michael Chin
- Attended Winter Wonderland SAFD workshop in Elgin, IL 2009
  - Included courses with Fight Masters Dale Girard and J. David Brimmer
- Workshops in smallsword and single rapier with Certified Teacher Don Preston 2003-2005
- Studied boxing, kickboxing, and muay thai with Chris Cichon, captain of USA Kickboxing Team 2010-2014
- Functional knowledge of grappling techniques including freestyle wrestling and JiuJitsu